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Advisory Action

Application No.

09/870,480

Applicant(s)

FUKUI, KOUKI

Examiner

Walter B Aughenbaugh

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--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

THE REPLY FILED 29 March 2004 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 6 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection. ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. ☒ A Notice of Appeal was filed on 29 March 2004. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
- (a) ☐ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
- (b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
- (c) ☐ they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
- (d) ☐ they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____

3. ☒ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): See Continuation Sheet.
4. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
5. ☐ The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☐ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: _____.
6. ☐ The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. ☒ For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) ☐ will not be entered or b) ☒ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: none.Claim(s) objected to: none.Claim(s) rejected: 15-42,44,45 and 47.Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: none.

8. ☐ The drawing correction filed on _____ is a) ☐ approved or b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
9. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.
10. ☐ Other: _____

ADVISORY ACTION

Acknowledgement of Applicant's Amendments

1. The cancellation of claims 43 and 46 in the After Final Amendment filed March 29, 2004 has been received and entered by Examiner.

WITHDRAWN REJECTIONS

2. The 35 U.S.C. 112 rejection of claims 43 and 46 made of record in paragraph 8 of Paper 12 has been withdrawn due to Applicant's cancellation of claims 43 and 46 in the After Final Amendment.
3. The 35 U.S.C. 103 rejection of claims 43 and 46 made of record in paragraph 9 of Paper 12 has been withdrawn due to Applicant's cancellation of claims 43 and 46 in the After Final Amendment.

REPEATED REJECTIONS

4. The 35 U.S.C. 103 rejection of claims 15, 18-27 and 31-36 that was repeated in paragraph 4 of Paper 12 has been repeated for the reasons previously made of record in paragraph 4 of Paper 12.
5. The 35 U.S.C. 103 rejection of claims 16, 17 and 40 that was repeated in paragraph 5 of Paper 12 has been repeated for the reasons previously made of record in paragraph 5 of Paper 12.
6. The 35 U.S.C. 103 rejection of claims 28-30, 37, 38, 41 and 42 that was repeated in paragraph 6 of Paper 12 has been repeated for the reasons previously made of record in paragraph 6 of Paper 12.
7. The 35 U.S.C. 103 rejection of claim 39 that was repeated in paragraph 7 of Paper 12 has been repeated for the reasons previously made of record in paragraph 7 of Paper 12.

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8. The 35 U.S.C. 103 rejection of claims 44, 45 and 47 made of record in paragraph 10 of Paper 12 has been repeated for the reasons previously made of record in paragraph 10 of Paper 12.

Conclusion

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Walter B. Aughenbaugh whose telephone number is 571-272-1488. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 9:00am to 6:00pm and on alternate Fridays from 9:00am to 5:00pm.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon, can be reached on 571-272-1498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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